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As in previous years, the past year has also required a significant volume of activity from the Executive Board and Technical Officers.

The annual Congress Meeting took place on 24th of February 2018 in Paris and was hosted by the Fédération Française de Vol en Planeur. The usual items were on the agenda: update on the EU rule-making, financial report and budget. Patrick Naegli was re-elected as president, Meike Müller and Gunter Bertram left the board after many years of service. Ole Gellert Andersen (DK), Andreas Peus (DE) and Bernard Hauteserres (FR) were elected as new board members. The financial report over 2017 and the budget for 2018 were approved.

Here is a brief overview of the subjects that have required attention during recent months.

EASA - GA Roadmap - Future changes

The following 'Rulemaking Tasks' were finalised or came close to be finalised:

- RMT 0657 '*Possibility for training outside an ATO*' – Reg. 2018/119

As from 08 April 2018, training can now also be organized by a 'Declared Training Organization'. Existing approved ATO's have the option to continue or to change into a DTO. The opt-out ends by 8 April 2020. As explained before, the DTO requires a lighter management structure and the possibility to work as appropriate as possible.

- RMT 0698 '*Part OPS Sailplanes*' – Reg. 2018/1976

On 14 December 2018 the Implementing Rule was published and shall apply from 9 July 2019. The gliding sport has now his own set of rules for operations. The Acceptable Means of Compliance/Guidance Material will be published shortly.

- RMT 0701 '*Part FCL Sailplanes*' - review of Part FCL – Flight Crew Licensing.

The final proposals of the Task Force were discussed during a public consultation on 26 June 2018. After scruteneering by the legal department, the political process is going on and a vote by the EASA Committee is expected for February 2019. If the process runs as planned, the new 'Part SFCL' will become valid as from April 2020.

As soon as all gliding related rules are published, they will be combined by EASA in one "Rulebook Sailplanes".

Continuing Airworthiness

The long awaited regulation for the Part 66-Light maintenance licences was published on 14 August 2018 (Reg. 2018/1142) and shall apply from 5 March 2019. The conversion of the national maintenance licences can start from 1 October 2019 and as from 1 October 2020 all certifying staff shall hold a Part 66 certificate. The training and examination of future engineers is still a grey area. Here the EGU can play a coordinating role as the numbers are rather small.

The story of Part M-Light is still going on. According the latest information, a decision is now awaited for February/March 2019.

Airspace

The access to airspace is an extremely important topic. In the spring of 2019 a dedicated workshop will be organized for the airspace specialists.

Membership

The membership is stable but last year a few members left and there are still some active gliding nations missing. So let us use every opportunity to explain the need for the EGU and promote membership. The work done by the EGU is done on behalf of the whole gliding movement in Europe!

Finances

The EGU's financial situation is healthy. Nevertheless, a slight increase in fees might be necessary due to greater involvement in task forces in the past and coming years.

Communications

Thanks to Roland's webmaster skills, EGU has a very useful website with easy access to all reports, documents, regulations, etc. Robert Danewid edited three newsletters to keep the members informed about the topics of the moment.

Relations

EGU continues to work closely with Europe Air Sports, which is the only platform representing the whole air sport community (large numbers count!) and thus able to establish good relations at the political level, such as the EU-Commission, EU-DG Move and regular meetings with EASA. Close contact and exchange of information are maintained with the IGC, the OSTIV Safety & Training Panel, and the Association of Glider Manufacturers. The EGU is very grateful once more again, and as always, for the back office support by the FFVP since 1992!

Conclusion

As said before, our gliding world has become very complex and all key persons from the club level to the top need support to cope with the administrative and organisational tasks. In less than fifteen years, the whole regulatory side will have changed completely!

Next congress meeting 2019

This annual gathering will take place on February 23rd, 2019 in Budapest, hosted by the Hungarian Gliding Association.

A further update can be presented during the upcoming meeting.

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